

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5461–S5505*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1789–1795. **Page S5492**

**Congressional Budget:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed there-to, as follows: **Pages S5461–90, S5504–05**

Adopted:

Wyden/Kerry Modified Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions. **Pages S5463–64**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3989, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the interrelationship between domestic violence and welfare. **Page S5465**

Snowe Amendment No. 4017, to express the sense of the Senate that the aggregates and functional levels included in the budget resolution assume that savings in student loans can be achieved without any program change that would increase costs to students and parents or decrease accessibility to student loans. **Page S5465**

Domenici (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4024, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reduction of the national debt. **Page S5465**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 122), Domenici (for Abraham/Coverdell) Amendment No. 4028 (to Amendment No. 3986), to express the sense of the Senate regarding administrative funding of the President's Public Safety and Community Policing Grants, and to increase funding for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund programs in 2001 and 2002. **Pages S5465–66**

(Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 3986, listed below, was tabled.) **Page S5466**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 124), Wellstone Amendment No. 3987, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress will not enact or

adopt any legislation that would increase the number of children who are hungry or homeless. **Pages S5466–67**

By 88 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 127), Wellstone Amendment No. 3988, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining current expenditure levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997. **Pages S5469–70**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3997, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should maintain the existing prohibition against additional charges by providers under the Medicare program. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5474–75**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 131), Kennedy Amendment No. 3998, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should not include any changes in Federal nursing home quality standards or the Federal enforcement of such standards. **Page S5475**

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 132), Kennedy Amendment No. 3999, to express the sense of the Congress that provisions of current Medicaid law protecting families of nursing home residents from experiencing financial ruin as the price of needed care for their loved ones should be retained. **Pages S5475–76**

Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 4000, to express the sense of the Senate relating to the protection of the wages of construction workers. **Pages S5476–78**

By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 133), Ashcroft Amendment No. 4030 (to Amendment No. 4000), to express the sense of the Congress that States should be allowed to require welfare recipients to stay drug-free as a condition for receiving welfare benefits from the taxpayers. **Pages S5476–77**

Kennedy Amendment No. 4031 (to Amendment No. 4000), to protect the incomes of construction workers and their families and to express the sense of the Senate that the Davis-Bacon Act should not be repealed. (By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote 134), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S5477**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 135), Santorum Amendment No. 4032 (to Amendment No. 4000), to express the sense of the Senate that the provisions in the resolution assume reform of the Davis-Bacon Act.

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By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 137), Lott/Smith Modified Amendment No. 4002, to express the sense of the Congress regarding reimbursement of the United States for the costs associated with Operations Southern Watch and Provide Comfort out of revenues generated by any sale of petroleum originating from Iraq.

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 138), Simpson/Moynihan Amendment No. 4003, to express the sense of the Senate that all Federal spending and revenues which are indexed for inflation should be calibrated by the most accurate inflation indices which are available to the Federal Government.

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Gramm Amendment No. 4009, to express the sense of the Congress that the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits should be repealed.

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 141), Exon Amendment No. 4033 (to Amendment No. 4009), to express the sense of the Senate that no provisions in this resolution should worsen the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund.

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By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 142), Domenici (for Gramm) Amendment No. 4034 (to Amendment No. 4009), to express the sense of the Congress that the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits should be repealed.

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By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 143), Domenici (for Dole/Hatch/Helms) Modified Amendment No. 4019, to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should investigate the practice regarding the prosecution of drug smugglers.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 4013, to establish that no amounts realized from sales of assets shall be scored with respect to the level of budget authority, outlays, or revenues.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 145) McCain/Domenici Amendment No. 4035 (to Amendment No. 4013), to express the sense of the Senate regarding corporate subsidies and to provide a rule that would prohibit the scoring of proceeds from asset sales that would lead to a financial loss by the Federal Government.

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Rejected:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore

\$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 120), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3985, to express the sense of the Senate on tax deductibility of higher education tuition and student loan interest costs. (By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Wellstone/Kerry Amendment No. 3986, to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers under the Community Oriented Policing Service. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Wellstone Amendment No. 4029 (to Amendment No. 3986), to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 3986, listed above, was tabled.)

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Kerry Amendment No. 3990, to restore proposed cuts in the environment and natural resources programs, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 125), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kerry Amendment No. 3991, to increase the Function 500 totals to maintain levels of education and training funding that will keep pace with rising school enrollments and the demand for a better-trained workforce, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 126), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kyl Amendment No. 3995, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a supermajority requirement for raising taxes. (By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 128), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 26 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 129), Kyl Modified Amendment No. 3996, to providing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program through fiscal year 2000.

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Byrd Amendment No. 4001, to increase overall discretionary spending to the levels proposed by the President, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. (By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 140), Ashcroft Modified Amendment No. 4008, to provide for an income tax deduction for the old age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals.

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Brown Amendment No. 4010, to express the sense of the Senate that there should be a cap on the

application of the civilian and military retirement COLA. **Page S5485**

Harkin Amendment No. 4011, to provide that the first reconciliation bill not include Medicaid reform, focusing mainly on welfare reform by shifting Medicaid changes from the first to the second reconciliation bill. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 144), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5485–86**

Bumpers Amendment No. 4036 (to Amendment No. 4013), to establish that no amounts realized from sales of assets shall be scored with respect to the level of budget authority, outlays, or revenues. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate tabled the amendment. **Pages S5487–88**

Pending:

Harkin (for Specter) Amendment No. 4012, to restore funding for education, training, and health programs to a Congressional Budget Office freeze level for fiscal year 1997 through an across the board reduction in Federal administrative costs. **Page S5462**

Bumpers Amendment No. 4014, to eliminate the defense firewalls. **Page S5462**

Thompson Amendment No. 3981, to express the sense of the Senate on the funding levels for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. **Page S5462**

Murkowski Amendment No. 4015, to prohibit sense of the Senate amendments from being offered to the budget resolution. **Page S5462**

Simpson (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4016, to express the sense of the Senate on long term entitlement reforms. **Page S5462**

Chafee/Breaux Amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5462**

Feingold Amendment No. 3969, to eliminate the tax cut. **Page S5462**

Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 4022, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Spectrum auctions and their effect on the integrity of the budget process. **Page S5462**

Domenici (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4023, to express the sense of the Senate that any comprehensive legislation sent to the President that balances the budget by a certain date and that includes welfare reform provisions shall also contain to the maximum extent possible a strategy for reducing the rate of out-of-wedlock births and encouraging family formation. **Page S5462**

Exon (for Roth) Amendment No. 4025, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the funding of Amtrak. **Page S5462**

Domenici Amendment No. 4027 (to Amendment No. 4012), to adjust the fiscal year 1997 non-defense discretionary allocation to the Appropriation Committee by \$5 billion in budget authority and \$4 billion in outlays to sustain 1996 post-OCRA policy. **Page S5462**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 139), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Graham Amendment No. 4007, to create a 60 vote point of order against legislation diverting savings achieved through Medicare waste, fraud and abuse enforcement activities for purposes other than improving the solvency of the Medicare Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305 (b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S5480**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, May 23, 1996. **Pages S5504–05**

#### Appointments:

*National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service:* The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–52, as amended by Public Law 104–134, appointed the following individuals as members of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service: Senator Grassley, David L. Keating, of Maryland, J. Fred Kubik, of Kansas, and Mark L. McConaghy, of Washington, D.C.; and on behalf of the Democratic Leader, the following individuals: Senator Kerrey, and Fred T. Goldberg, Jr. **Page S5505**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (PM–148). **Page S5491**

Transmitting the annual reports of the National Science Foundation for fiscal years 1994 and 1995; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–149). **Page S5491**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps. **Page S5505**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S5491**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S5491**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S5491–92**

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 Additional Statements: Pages S5501–04  
 Record Votes: Twenty-seven record votes were taken today. (Total—146)  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, May 23, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5504–05.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BURMA SANCTIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the current situation in Burma, and on S. 1511, to impose certain unilateral and multilateral economic sanctions against Burma, receiving testimony from Senators McConnell and Moynihan; Burma Prime Minister Sein Win, Rangoon, on behalf of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma; and Adelle

Lutz and David Byrne, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### INFORMATION SECURITY

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the security status of American information systems, focusing on recent threats of unauthorized access to sensitive information in computer systems at the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Jim Christy, Investigator, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Defense Information and Financial Management Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, and Keith Rhodes, Technical Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, both of the General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1784, to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 3503–3515; 1 private bill, H.R. 3516; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 180 were introduced. Pages H5500–01

**Committee to Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence. Page H5388

**Prairie Island Indian Community:** The House passed H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act. Pages H5388–89

**Intelligence Authorization:** The House passed H.R. 3259, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997

for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Pages H5389–H5431

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H5431

Agreed To:

The McCollum amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that protection of the identities of undercover intelligence officers should be enforced by appropriate law enforcement agencies; Page H5397

The Dicks amendment, as amended by the Combest amendment, that increases the amount authorized for the tier III minus unmanned aerial vehicle and restricts the obligation of this funding until the Secretary of Defense submits a detailed cost analysis and report that specifies how these funds will be used; Pages H5397–98

The Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that decreases funding for declassification of documents and